CIVIL COVER SHEET

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Urania Ventura 2514 South Reese Street Philadelphia, PA 19148 (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Philadelphia				DEFENDANTS National Xpress Logistics 2301-B Computer Avenue Willow Grove, PA 19090 County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Montgomery					
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(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, 2) Graham F. Baird, Law Or 2 Penn Center, 1500 JFN Tel: 267-546-0131	ffice of Eric A. Shore)2	Attorneys (If Known)					
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar. Address of Plaintiff: 2514 South Rosse Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148 Address of Defendant: 2301-B Computer Avenue, Willow Grove, PA 19090 Computer Avenue, Willow Grove, PA 19090 Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: 2301- B Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock? No (Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a)) Yes□ Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities? RELATED CASE, IF ANY: Date Terminated: Case Number: Judge Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions: 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Yes□ 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Yes□ NoC 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Yes□ No□ 4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual? Ycs□ CIVIL: (Place / in ONE CATEGORY ONLY) A. Federal Question Cases: B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases: 1. Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts 1.

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Assault, Defamation 4. □ Antitrust 4.

Marine Personal Injury 5. Patent 5. D Motor Vehicle Personal Injury 6. □ Labor-Management Relations 6. □ Other Personal Injury (Please specify) 7. Civil Rights 7. D Products Liability 8.

Habeas Corpus 8. Products Liability - Asbestos 9. □ Securities Act(s) Cases 9. □ All other Diversity Cases 10. □ Social Security Review Cases (Please specify) _ 11. D All other Federal Question Cases (Please specify) ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION (Check Appropriate Category) braham F. Braid , counsel of record do hereby certify: Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs; □ Relief other than monetary damages is sought. DATE: 12/1/17 NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38. I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above. DATE: 12/1/17

CIV. 609 (5/2012)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

URANIA VENTURA
2514 South Reese Street
Philadelphia, PA 19148

Plaintiff,

v.

No.

NATIONAL XPRESS LOGISTICS
2301-B Computer Avenue
Willow Grove, PA 19090

Defendant

CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

I. Parties and Reasons for Jurisdiction.

- 1. Plaintiff, URANIA VENTURA (hereinafter "Plaintiff") is an adult individual residing at the above address.
- 2. Defendant, NATIONAL XPRESS LOGISTICS (hereinafter "NXL") is a corporation organized by and operating under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and having a corporate headquarters at the above captioned address. Defendant NXL is a citizen of Pennsylvania.
- 3. At all times material hereto, Defendant, NXL, qualifies as Plaintiff's employer pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act ("PHRA").
- 4. Plaintiff has exhausted her administrative remedies pursuant to the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. (See Exhibit A, a true and correct copy of a dismissal and notice of rights letter issued by the Equal Employment

Opportunity Commission and her dual filing certification with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

- This action is instituted pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990,
 the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act and applicable federal law.
 - 6. Jurisdiction is conferred by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343.
- 7. Supplemental jurisdiction over the Plaintiff's state law claims is conferred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) and (b)(2), venue is properly laid in this district because Defendant conducts business in this district, and because a substantial part of the acts and/or omissions giving rise to the claims set forth herein occurred in this judicial district. Plaintiff was working in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania at the time of the illegal actions by Defendants as set forth herein.

II. Operative Facts.

- 10. On or about March 7, 2016, Ms. Urania Ventura was hired by Defendant, NXL as a dispatcher.
- 11. Ms. Ventura is completely deaf in one ear but had no issues performing the essential job functions of a dispatcher.
- 12. Beginning just a few weeks after she began her employment with Defendant, Mr. Michael Flynn, the owner of Defendant, NXL, began to make comments in reference to Ms. Ventura's disability, such as "there's that f---ing deaf girl" and "You know she can't hear, you've got to scream at her."

- 13. In or around the beginning of April, 2016, Ms. Ventura complained to Sarah O'Driscoll, Defendant's Director of Operations, about the aforementioned comments of Michael Flynn.
- 14. Ms. O'Driscoll told Ms. Ventura that this conduct was "just the way [Mr. Flynn] is."
- 15. Defendant took no action to stop Mr. Flynn's conduct or address the comments he was making about Ms. Ventura regarding her disability.
 - 16. On or about July 22, 2016, Mr. Flynn asked Ms. Ventura to switch truck loads.
- 17. Ms. Ventura asked Mr. Flynn to repeat which truck loads he wanted her to switch, to ensure that she would be switching the correct loads.
- 18. Mr. Flynn became irate and responded "What, can't you f---ing hear? Oh, that's right, you're f---ing deaf!"
- 19. As a result of this outburst, Ms. Ventura complained to Michael Flynn's brother John Flynn, who is Defendant's President and CEO.
- 20. She explained that she didn't appreciate being spoken to in that manner when she was only trying to ensure that she would not be making any mistakes.
- 21. Following this incident, on or about July 25, 2016, Ms. Ventura was pulled aside by her supervisor, Vincent Jackamonis.
- 22. Mr. Jackamonis fired Ms. Ventura stating that while Ms. Ventura was doing a great job, "things are not working out" and that she was no longer needed.
- 23. Prior to her termination, Ms. Ventura did not have any write-ups or complaints and had no difficulty in performing her essential job functions.
 - 24. Ms. Ventura was terminated as a result of her disability.

- 25. Defendant never provided any accommodation for her disability and instead treated her with contempt and in a hostile manner.
- 26. Plaintiff's aforementioned medical condition interfere with her daily life activities and qualifies as a disability pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.
- 27. Upon information and belief, a non-disabled person was hired to Plaintiff's previous position.
- 28. Defendant's primary motivation for terminating Plaintiff was the fact that she is disabled.
- 29. At all times material, Defendant was hostile to Plaintiff's disability and terminated her because of her disability.
- 30. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct in terminating Plaintiff, Plaintiff sustained great economic loss, future lost earning capacity, lost opportunity, loss of future wages, as well emotional distress, humiliation, pain and suffering and other damages as set forth below.

III. Causes of Action.

COUNT I – TITLE I CLAIM--AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (42 U.S.C.A. § 12101 et seq)

- 31. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-30 as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 32. At all times material hereto, and pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq., an employer may not discriminate against an employee based on a disability.
- 33. Plaintiff is a qualified employee and person within the definition of Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq..

- 34. Defendant is an "employer" and thereby subject to the strictures of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq,.
- 35. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff had a qualified disability, as described above.
- 36. Defendant's conduct in terminating Plaintiff is an adverse action, was taken as a result of her disability and constitutes a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq..
- 37. The aforementioned conduct of Defendant's founder and owner, Michael Flynn was severe and pervasive hostile conduct that interfered with Plaintiff's ability to perform her job, thus constituting a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq.
- 38. As a proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff sustained significant damages, including but not limited to: great economic loss, future lost earning capacity, lost opportunity, loss of future wages, loss of front pay, loss of back pay, as well as emotional distress, mental anguish, humiliation, pain and suffering, consequential damages and Plaintiff has also sustained work loss, loss of opportunity, and a permanent diminution of her earning power and capacity and a claim is made therefore.
- 39. As a result of the conduct of Defendant's owners/management, Plaintiff hereby demands punitive damages.
- 40. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq Plaintiff demands attorneys fees and court costs.

COUNT II – VIOLATION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT (43 P.S. § 955)

41. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-40 as if fully set forth at length herein.

- 42. At all times material hereto, and pursuant to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq., an employer may not discriminate against an employee based on a disability.
- 43. Plaintiff is a qualified employee and person within the definition of Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq,.
- 44. Defendant is an "employer" and thereby subject to the strictures of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq,.
- 45. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff had a qualified disability, as described above. Plaintiff's disability interfered with her day to day life activities.
- 46. Defendant's conduct in terminating Plaintiff is an adverse action, was taken as a result of her disability and constitutes a violation of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq..
- 47. The aforementioned conduct of Defendant's founder and owner, Michael Flynn was severe and pervasive hostile conduct that interfered with Plaintiff's ability to perform her job, thus constituting a violation of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq.
- 48. As a proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff sustained significant damages, including but not limited to: great economic loss, future lost earning capacity, lost opportunity, loss of future wages, loss of front pay, loss of back pay, loss of tips as well as emotional distress, mental anguish, humiliation, pain and suffering, consequential damages and Plaintiff has also sustained work loss, loss of opportunity, and a permanent diminution of her earning power and capacity and a claim is made therefore.
- 49. As a result of the conduct of Defendant's owners/management, Plaintiff hereby demands punitive damages.

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq Plaintiff 50.

demands attorneys fees and court costs.

V. Relief Requested.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Urania Ventura demands judgment in her favor and against

Defendant, National Xpress Logistics, in an amount in excess of \$150,000.00 together with:

A. Compensatory damages, including but not limited to: back pay, front pay, past lost

wages, future lost wages. Lost pay increases, lost pay incentives, lost opportunity, lost

benefits, lost future earning capacity, injury to reputation, mental and emotional

distress, pain and suffering

B. Punitive damages;

C. Attorneys fees and costs of suit;

D. Interest, delay damages; and,

E. Any other further relief this Court deems just proper and equitable..

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Philadelphia, PA 19110

Attorney for Plaintiff, Urania Ventura

Date: 12|117

EXH. A

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

DISMISSAL AND NOTICE OF RIGHTS

To: Urania Ventura 2414 South Reese Street Philadelphia, PA 19148

From:

Philadelphia District Office

801 Market Street

Suite 1300

Philadelphia, PA 19107

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EEOC Charg	ge No. EEOC Representative	Telephone No.					
	Legal Unit,	T1.; ·					
530-2017-		(215) 440-2828					
THE EEO	C IS CLOSING ITS FILE ON THIS CHARGE FOR THE FOLLOWING REAS	ON:					
	The facts alleged in the charge fail to state a claim under any of the statutes enforce	ed by the EEOC.					
	Your allegations did not involve a disability as defined by the Americans With Disabilities Act.						
	The Respondent employs less than the required number of employees or is not otherwise covered by the statutes.						
	Your charge was not timely filed with EEOC; in other words, you waited too long after the date(s) of the alleged discrimination to file your charge						
X	The EEOC issues the following determination: Based upon its investigation, the EEOC is unable to conclude that the information obtained establishes violations of the statutes. This does not certify that the respondent is in compliance with the statutes. No finding is made as to any other issues that might be construed as having been raised by this charge,						
	The EEOC has adopted the findings of the state or local fair employment practices agency that investigated this charge.						
	Other (briefly state)						
	- NOTICE OF SUIT RIGHTS - (See the additional information attached to this form.)						
Discriminat You may file lawsuit mu s	ne Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination in Employment Act: This will be the only notice of dismissal and of you le a lawsuit against the respondent(s) under federal law based on this charge st be filed WITHIN 90 DAYS of your receipt of this notice; or your right to ime limit for filing suit based on a claim under state law may be different.)	ir right to sue that we will send you.					
alleged EPA	Act (EPA): EPA suits must be filed in federal or state court within 2 years (3 y A underpayment. This means that backpay due for any violations that occur file suit may not be collectible.	ears for willful violations) of the rred more than 2 years (3 years)					
Enclosures(s)	On behalf of the Commission Spencer H. Lewis, Jr., District Director	(Date Mailed)					

cc:

Bridget Weidenburner McVan & Weidenburner 162 S. Easton Road Glenside, PA 19038

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